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The TRICARE Management Activity has authorized the following addition(s)/revision(s) to the TRICARE/CHAMPUS Policy Manual.

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SUMMARY OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS: This change allows coverage of ThinPrep and other automated Pap Smear procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION: The effective date for ThinPrep and other automated Pap Smear coverage is January 1, 1998. Implementation is upon direction of the Contracting Officer.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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1. Section 10.1 (TRICARE STANDARD - CLINICAL PREVENTIVE SERVICES) adds the coding for coverage of new collection and scanning technologies for cervical cancer screening (e.g., ThinPrep, Autopap and PAPNET).
2. Section 10.1A (TRICARE PRIME - CLINICAL PREVENTIVE SERVICES) adds the coding for coverage of new collection and scanning technologies for cervical cancer screening (e.g., ThinPrep, Autopap and PAPNET).
3. Section 10.2 (PAPANICOLAOU (PAP) TESTS) cross-references additional information on screening pap tests in Chapter 1, Sections 10.1 and 10.1A.

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4. Section 16.1 (UNPROVEN DEVICES, MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND PROCEDURES) removes computer-assisted Pap tests (Autopap, PAPNET) from the unproven list of devices, medical treatments and procedures.

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5. Section 8.1 (TRICARE OVERSEAS PROGRAM (TOP) PRIME - CLINICAL PREVENTIVE SERVICES) adds the coding for coverage of new collection and scanning technologies for cervical cancer screening (e.g., ThinPrep, Autopap and PAPNET).